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Michael A. Friedman, Commissioner
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Dear Mr. Friedman:

I am a member of the American Anti-Vivisection Society. We're against using animals in lab testing. We demand that you stop requiring cruel and obsolete animal tests for pharmaceuticals and instead allow the companies to substitute in vitro tests for the safety of both humans and especially animals. We also demand, that you make the validation of non-animal product testing methods a high priority.

Are you not familiar with the Draize Eye Irritancy Test? The lab workers torture these poor, docile rabbits with all the chemicals in their eyes and onto their raw, shaved skin!! Rabbits eyes are poor models for these tests, because there are major differences between human eyes and rabbits eyes, the thickness, tissue structure, tearing mechanisms and bio-chemistry of the rabbit cornea. These tests are not required by law, so please stop these inhumane practices. These rabbits are restrained in devices so they are unable to move and sometimes break their necks and backs in a struggle to get away. Procter & Gamble's innocent victims also include guinea pigs, hamsters, ferrets and monkeys.

With these animals, they also force tubes up their noses and down their throats, so that large doses of nasal decongestants could be pumped into their stomachs. Then their stomachs are sliced open.

Please have some compassion and a conscience for these animals.

Do the right thing. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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